the Tikku report, unimplemented clauses of 1987 package and the memorandum of settlement of August 21, 1989; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the important clauses of 1987 package and Memorandum of Settlement of 1989 have been implemented. Decisions have also been taken on the recommendations of Tikku Committee report. A copy of Office Memorandum No. A-45013/13/90-CHS. V, dated 14-11-91 containing these decisions is attached. [*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 1]

Fire in a jhuggi cluster at Govindpuri

97. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 15-16 persons including 10 children were burnt to death in a devastating fire that broke out in a Jhuggi cluster at Govindpuri in South Delhi on September 29, 1991;

(b) if so, what were the cause thereof; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance and compensation paid to the victims and their families and the details of the steps that have been taken to resettle them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir, Sixteen persons died in the incident of fire that broke out in a Jhuggi cluster at Govindpuri in South Delhi on September 29, 1991. Of these, 11 were minors and 5 adults.

(b) The probable cause of fire was the bursting of a gas cylinder.

(c) (i) The families of 15 deceased persons have been paid ex-gratia assistance. In the case of adults, the ex-gratia assistance was of Rs. 40 thousand per person and in the case of minors, Rs. 30 thousand per person. The compensation includes a sum of Rs. 20 thousand in each case from Prime Minister's Relief Fund. The identity of one deceased has not been established.

(ii) Of 1256 dwellers whose jhuggis were burnt, 1200 persons have been paid ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1500/- each. The remaining 56 persons have not collected the relief amount.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 10 lakh has been released out of Prime Minister's Relief Fund for providing two asbestos sheets to each affected jhuggi dweller. 1170 persons have already collected these sheets.

Atrocities on SC/ST

98. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the incidents of atrocities on Harijans and tribals in Madhya Pradesh and other States during the period since September this year;

(b) the reasons therefor and the circumstances appurtaining these atrocities; and

(c) the directions issued and the steps taken by Government to prevent such atrocities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.